

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Dmitry CHERKASOV et al. : Confirmation Number: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 10/578,313 : Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
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For: MACROMOLECULAR NUCLEOTIDE COMPOUNDS AND METHODS FOR
USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

An Appendix including 1 page of Abstract is attached following page 3 of this paper.